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Subject: “Guidelines on Participation of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services in the WMO World Weather Information Service” (WMO-No. 1096, PWS-25)

- Action required:
1. To circulate this publication to relevant staff members and inform them of the Website where the publication is located
 2. To assess the level of participation of your National Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service (NMS) in the WWIS activity and enhance the contribution from your Service to it as necessary

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the latest Public Weather Services (PWS) Programme publication entitled, “Guidelines on Participation of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services in the WMO World Weather Information Service” (WMO-No. 1096, PWS-25), is now available (in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and can be accessed electronically at the following WMO PWS Website web-link:

http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/pwsp/publicationsguidelines_en.htm

This publication was produced by the WMO PWS Programme, as agreed during the “Third Meeting of the World Weather Information Service (WWIS) Web Hosts (WWIS-3)”, which was held in Offenbach, Germany, 18-20 October 2011. The Guidelines are targeted at National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), and are intended to demonstrate the benefits that NMHSs gain by participating in WWIS, and to provide step-by-step guidance for a NMS wishing to either join the WWIS initiative or to enhance its level of participation. Templates of the standard forms that NMHSs would need to complete to join or enhance participation in the WWIS are also provided.

In order to benefit most from this publication, you may wish to consider assessing the level of participation of your NMS in the WWIS activity with the intention of enhancing the contribution from your Service to it in terms of:

- Starting to participate in the WWIS initiative, if your Service is not already participating;
- Increasing the number of cities for which NMHSs provide climate information and weather forecasts;

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6673)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

- Providing more climate information;
- Increasing the frequency of updating forecasts;
- Providing same-day weather forecasts;
- Providing links to the WWIS Website from the Website of your NMS; and / or,
- Informing local media and other users, such as the tourism industry, of WWIS and encouraging its usage by these users.

I am confident that you will find this publication useful for enhancing the participation of your Service in the WWIS activity of NMHSs. Should your Service require paper copies of this publication, you are kindly requested to contact Ms Haleh Kootval, Chief of the Public Weather Services Programme, via e-mail at: HKootval@wmo.int.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that curves upwards at the end.

(J. Lengoasa)
for the Secretary-General